

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A metal holder with electrode pins, comprising:
a metal holder and at least two electrode pins for allowing passage of electrical current, wherein each electrode pin is larger in diameter at its head portion than at its terminal portion;
plastic members arranged to contact the respective electrode pins so that the plastic members surround a part of the respective electrode pins circumferentially, and wherein through holes for the respective electrode pins to pass through the holder are formed in the holder, and the electrode pins are fixed to the holes via the plastic members, each hole including a diameter-reduction portion at a part thereof,
wherein the plastic members are sandwiched between a part of the holder corresponding to the diameter-reduction portion and the respective electrode pins in the radial direction of the respective electrode pins.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The metal holder with electrode pins according to Claim 17, wherein the each electrode pin includes a constricted portion in a part thereof located in the hole.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The metal holder with electrode pins according to Claim 17, wherein a material of the plastic member is a super engineering plastic.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The metal holder with electrode pins according to Claim 17, wherein the holder includes, at its portions around the holes, pressed portions.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The metal holder with electrode pins according to Claim 17, wherein the head portion of the each electrode pin has a diameter larger than an inner diameter of the diameter-reduction portion of the hole and smaller than a center-to-center dimension between the two electrode pins.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The metal holder with electrode pins according to Claim 17, wherein the holder includes, at a portion thereof on the side closer to an igniter portion, a cylindrical projecting portion surrounding the igniter portion, and a firing agent filled in an inner space surrounded by the projecting portion.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The metal holder with electrode pins according to Claim 17, wherein the holder includes, at a portion thereof on a side closer to an igniter portion, a cylindrical projecting portion surrounding the igniter portion and a cover arranged in an opening edge portion of the projecting portion, and further an enhancer agent filled in an inner space surrounded by the projecting portion.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The metal holder with electrode pins according to Claim 17, wherein the electrode pins and the plastic members are integrally formed using an injection molding.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): A method of producing a metal holder with electrode pins comprising:

after plastic members including holes are inserted in holes formed in the metal holder, electrode pins are inserted in the holes of the plastic members, and the metal holder is pressed at portions thereof around both opening portions of the holes in a depth direction thereof so that the plastic members can be partly reduced in diameter to fix the electrode pins.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A method of producing a metal holder with electrode pins comprising:

after electrode pins are inserted in holes of plastic members including holes or after the plastic members and the electrode pins are integrally formed using an injection molding, ~~the plastic members are inserted in holes formed in the metal holder,~~ the plastic members are inserted in the holes formed in the metal holder; and

the metal holder is pressed at portions thereof around both opening portions of the holes in a depth direction thereof so that the plastic members can be partly reduced in diameter to fix the electrode pins.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A gas generator comprising:

the metal holder with electrode pins according to claim 17;

a cup packed with gas generant to be burnt to generate gases; and

~~at least two electrode pins for allowing passage of electrical current;~~

an igniter portion; and,

~~a holder joined to the cup to seal up the gas generant;~~

wherein the ~~electrode pins and the holder is joined to the cup to seal up the gas generant~~ form the metal holder with electrode pins according to Claim 17, and

wherein the igniter portion includes a resistance element interconnecting head portions of the electrode pins and a firing agent formed at least around the resistance element.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The gas generator according to Claim 27, wherein the cup and the holder are connected with each other by welding.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The gas generator according to Claim 27, further comprising an enhancer agent holder, placed in the cup, for containing an enhancer agent.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The gas generator according to Claim 27, further comprising an insulating member on a surface of the holder on a side thereof closer to the igniter portion.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The gas generator according to Claim 29, further comprising a cap arranged to cover an outer portion of an enhancer agent holder on the side thereof closer to the gas generant.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The gas generator according to Claim 27, wherein joining portions of the holder and an opening edge of the cup being joined are located in a surface of the holder on a side thereof closer to the igniter portion, and the joining portions are joined together by welding, by friction stir welding, or by adhesive bonding.

Claim 33 (New): A method of producing a metal holder with electrode pins according to Claim 25, wherein the plastic members are sandwiched between a part of the

holder corresponding to a diameter-reduction portion and the respective electrode pins in the radial direction of the respective electrode pins.

Claim 34 (New): A method of producing a metal holder with electrode pins according to Claim 33, wherein through holes for the respective electrode pins pass through the holder are formed in the holder, and the electrode pins are fixed to the holes via the plastic members, each hole including a diameter-reduction portion at a part thereof.

Claim 35 (New): A method of producing a metal holder with electrode pins according to Claim 26, wherein the plastic members are sandwiched between a part of the holder corresponding to a diameter-reduction portion and the respective electrode pins in the radial direction of the respective electrode pins.

Claim 36 (New): A method of producing a metal holder with electrode pins according to Claim 35, wherein through holes for the respective electrode pins pass through the holder are formed in the holder, and the electrode pins are fixed to the holes via the plastic members, each hole including a diameter-reduction portion at a part thereof.